

Appln. No.: 10/753,897
Amndt. dated December 5, 2005
Reply to Office Action of August 5, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

--An animal chew is provided formed by rolling a mixture of binder and base material into a sheet. Base material, such as an edible material, including but not limited to starch, protein matter, vegetable or plant matter, is mixed with a binder. The mixture is then supplied to a screw conveyor followed by introduction onto rollers to form a sheet. The sheet may then be cut into a desired shape. The overall process may be made continuous, and the manufacturing conditions may be selectively controlled at each step, with respect to variables such as temperature and moisture levels, to substantially maintain the overall nutritional value of the formed edible compositions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 15 through page 7, line 18; beginning with the phrase "Furthermore, certain binders" and ending with the phrase "if desired" with the following amended paragraph:

--Furthermore, certain binders may additionally comprise a fat (oil and/or solid) component. The ~~fat-fat~~ component might comprise, e.g., 0.1 to 50% of the final chew product. Useful herein are fats and oils that are conventional for use in food products. The fat component may include lecithin and other emulsifiers, e.g., acetylated mono-glycerides, if desired.--